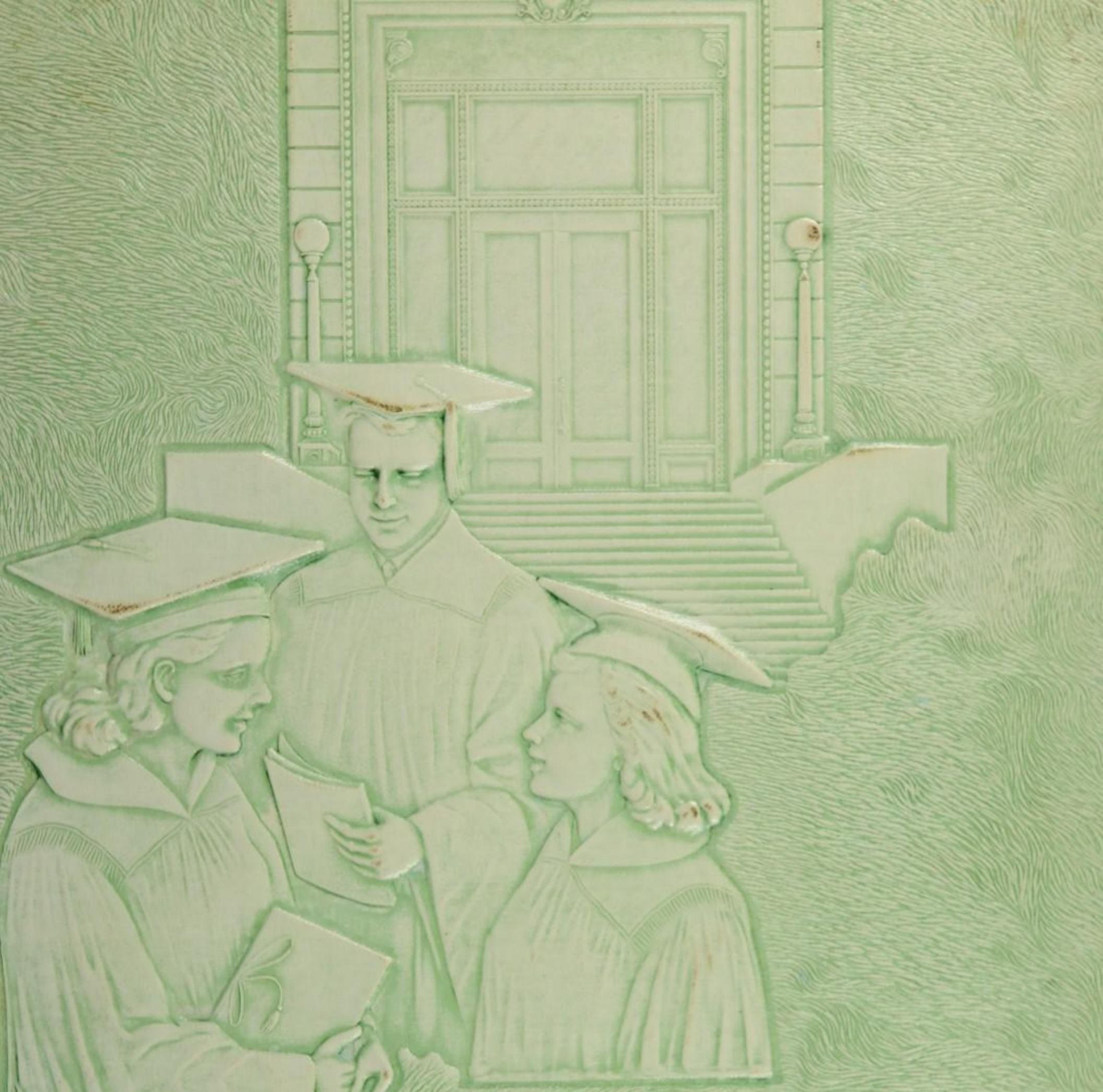

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Dedication

We, the Senior Class, wish to dedicate this yearbook to our class sponsor whose untiring efforts have helped to make our last two years of school life very successful.

We hope this annual is a small payment on the debt we owe to him. To show our gratitude and appreciation, we dedicate it with pride to Mr. Dale T. Walker.

To The Members of The Class of 1949

You are facing a future of uncertainty, one in which anything can happen. You are in a new era of human progress which is filled with opportunities, yet honeycombed with pitfalls. There are jobs for all who want to work. There is a greater demand for the products of American industry than there has ever been before. There are greater opportunities for new enterprise and new careers than ever existed before.

From the flood of information being given out by the various sources, it will be your task to make your own evaluation of what is important and to decide between the good and the bad. You are graduating into a world of significant events and amid rapidly developing times.

You are leaving high school soon, but education is a process that never ends. You must continue to grow mentally, to reach out for new ideas and new information, to be aware of change and the reasons for it, to be tolerant of the differences in people, to be kind and considerate and unselfish, to accept and assume responsibility in the community. It will not be possible for you to know all the right solutions to the many problems with which you will be faced. The important thing is to try to find the right solutions. The degree to which you are successful in doing this will determine your success in the life which you now face.

R. A. Neal, Principal

The History of New Athens Community High School

New Athens Community High School, known as District No. 68, was organized in 1920. The first board of education consisted of George Nuernberger, president; George Wirth, Jr., secretary; S. J. Woodward; Henry J. Reuss, Jr.; and William Eberhardt.

Attempts were made to discontinue the high school in the summers of 1922 and 1924 but both failed.

Our present school building was built in 1931 and the gymnasium added in 1938.

The present members of the board of education are Melvin Carr, president; Wilbur Nuernberger, secretary; Ben Deichmann; Edgar Wirth; and Ray Schoepp.

This year the school has an enrollment of 125 and a faculty of seven teachers.

DALE T. WALKER

Mr. Walker was born in Storm Lake, Iowa. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry at Buena Vista College and has done graduate work at Harvard University in Engineering. Before coming to New Athens four years ago, Mr. Walker taught for eight years in Illinois and Iowa and served in the Army as a First Lieutenant for fifty-five months. He teaches geometry, algebra, and chemistry.

ALONZO J. WOODS

Mr. Woods is a native of New Athens. He teaches American History, world history, geography, and boys' physical education as well as serving as Coach of the Yellowjackets. He received his Bachelor of Science degree from SINU and is now working on his Masters degree. Before entering the Army and coming to New Athens three years ago, he served as principal of Elementary Schools at East Carondelet.

RUSSEL D. MERIDITH

Mr. Meridith, our biology and agriculture instructor, was born in Sandoval, Ill. Before receiving his B. of S. degree from the University of Illinois in 1947, he attended SINU and served in the Army for three years. This is his second year at NACHS.

R. A. NEAL

Mr. Neal teaches French II and English I. He received his Bachelor of Education degree from SINU and earned his Master of Arts degree in School Administration at the University of Missouri. Mr. Neal has done graduate work in Education at the University of Iowa and in Accounting at LaSalle U. He came to NACHS as principal three years ago, having taught previously at Elizabethtown and Coello. He had also been principal at Goresville, Keyesport, and Woodlawn.

PAUL LONGENBAUGH

Mr. Longenbaugh, one of our new teachers, was born in Clinton, Ill. He served three years in the Army and upon his discharge in 1945 entered the University of Ill. He received his degree on January 15 and came to NACHS at the beginning of the second semester. Mr. Longenbaugh teaches sociology and problems of American democracy.

LOIS L. DAVIS

Miss Davis teaches bookkeeping and typing at NASCH. She is a native of Jerseyville and a graduate of Illinois State Normal University where she received her Bachelor of Science degree in Education. Miss Davis has taught here for four years.

SHIRLEY A. SHERMAN

Miss Sherman hails from East St. Louis where she attended St. Teresa's Academy. In 1948 she was graduated from St. Louis University with majors in English and Spanish. At present she is doing graduate work in English at Missouri U. Miss Sherman teaches English II, III, and IV. She also teaches girls' physical education.

AUDREY HILL

Miss Hill is our capable office girl and sercetary. She is a 1948 graduate of NACHS.

Vale T. Walker

Alonzo J. Woods

Russel V. Meridith

K. A. Neal, PRINCIPAL

Paul Longenbaugh

Lois L. Davis

Shirley A. Sherman

Audrey Hill, SECRETARY

Senior Class History

On September 4, 1945, thirty-eight eager and intelligent students began the "grind" at the local education "mill". Our progress was brilliant and rapid—by the end of the month we almost knew where to go and what books to take when the bells rang.

The Sophomores, however, didn't think we were so intelligent, and to prove this opinion of theirs, they put us through the paces on a day of torture called Initiation. We still don't know how it happened, but through the mercies of an Unseen Hand everyone of us survived the onion necklaces.

Then as full-fledged Freshies we maintained a strictly business attitude (except for spitballs and thumbtacks!). When election day rolled around we chose Miss Jane Hansleben as our sponsor. Officers were Dale Schneider, president; Jim Schmulbach, vice president; Betty Schaller, secretary; Ardell Schoepp, treasurer; and Myrtle Wildy, reporter.

Between "Hamlet" and our brain-splitting algebra problems we lost Kay Kaiser, Eddie Hoffman, and Vicki Luechtfeld. Ruth Lehr joined our class.

We ended the year with a hilarious "warm-soda-only" outing at the Sparta Country Club.

At the beginning of our Sophomore year Irene Pfeiffer joined our honorable class. As the months skipped by Fred Grohman, Joyce Haefner, Ruth Lehr, and Robert Ruhl took their departures.

We began our money-making career by selling ice cream. The draft placed Mr. Charles Wright in the pilot's position. We also elected Ardell Schoepp president; Jim Schmulbach vice president; Edgar Wirth secretary; Dale Schneider treasurer; and Donald Burton reporter. Needless to say, the boys held the upper hand at all our meetings.

The upperclassmen soon learned of our intentions to become school-spirited leaders; we captured places on the paper staff, band, chorus, sextette, and baseball and basketball teams. Of course we were happy that we could be waitresses at the Prom instead of dishwashers, but we just couldn't wait until the happy day we became Juniors. To celebrate the end of our underclassmen days we held a picnic in the rain at the Waterloo Country Club.

At last among the high and mighties, our Junior year was spotlighted by a flawless, simmering production of "Brides to Burn" and by the arrival of our coveted possessions—class rings.

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Senior Class History

Money rolled in as we guzzled cokes and gobbled candy. Our only sad day was that on which Harold Wilderman marched off as a Private in Uncle Sam's forces.

At the close of the year the Class of '49 gave the most expensive and elaborate Prom ever presented at NACHS. A rainbow theme was used, with a fountain placed in the center of the gym. Red and blue lights reflected on mirrors provided added color to the gala affair. After a sumptuous feast, Marvin Wittlich's orchestra provided dreamy dance music.

The successes of our Junior year were in no small way due to the efforts of our sponsor, Mr. Walker, and our president, Jim Schmulbach. (Other officers were Edgar Wirth, vice president; Betty Schaller, secretary; Dale Schneider, treasurer; and Irene Pfeiffer, reporter.)

On September 1, 1948 we began the last mile on the road to our cherished ambition—Graduation. We soon noticed that Inez Rath and Nadine Woods were not among us.

The old boys-against-girls squabbles were a hangover of the previous year, but we finally compromised to elect Jim Schmulbach president; Ardell Schoepp vice president; Betty Schaller secretary; Marilyn Stroh treasurer; and Irene Pfeiffer reporter. At the helm we again chose Mr. Dale T. Walker.

On October 7 we primped and posed for portraits by Van Miller which, come next May, will hang in the Hall of Fame at NACHS.

To welcome the basketball season the '49ers presented a peppy assembly on the day of our first game. For the rest of the year our attention centered around the Vespa and our Senior Class Play, both of which are the biggest and best ever.

We have selected green and white as our class colors and the white rose for our flower. With our motto, "Find a way or make one" we are ready to face life.

JAMES SCHMULBACH

"It pays to be good—I tried it once."

Class Officer 1, 2, 3, 4
Student Council 1, 3
Annual Staff 4
Spotlight Staff 3, 4
Class Play 3, 4
Student Council Play 1
Band 1, 2, 3
Boys' Quartet 3
F. F. A. 1
Lettermen's Club 1, 2, 3, 4
Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4
Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4

ARDELL SCHOEPP

"The darling of the underclassmen (girls)."

Class Officer 1, 2, 3, 4
Student Council 3
Annual Staff 4
Class Play 3, 4
Band 1, 2, 3
F. F. A. 1
Lettermen's Club 1, 2, 3, 4
Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4
Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4

BETTY SCHALLER

"Monday comes too soon after Sunday night."

Class Officer 1, 2, 3, 4
Annual Staff 4
Spotlight Staff 4
Chorus 1, 2, 3
Girls' Sextette 3
G. A. A. 2, 3, 4
Home Ec. Club 1, 2
Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4
Cheerleader 3, 4

MARILYN STROH

"Like cream—always on top."

Class Officer 4
Student Council 2
Annual Staff 4
Spotlight Staff 2, 3, 4
Class Play 3, 4
Band 1, 2, 3
Chorus 1, 2, 3
Home Ec. Club 1
Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4

IRENE PFEIFFER

"She never was the slowest girl in town."

Class Officer 3, 4
Annual Staff 4
Spotlight Staff 3, 4
Class Play 3, 4
Chorus 2, 3
G. A. A. 1, 2, 3, 4
Home Ec. Club 2, 3, 4
Pep Club 2, 3, 4
Cheerleaders 2, 3, 4

DALE SCHNEIDER

"He can do almost anything but sing."

Class Officer 1, 2, 3
Student Council 2
Annual Staff 4
Class Play 3, 4
Band 1, 2, 3
Lettermen's Club 1, 2, 3, 4
Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4
Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4

EDGAR WIRTH

"Every man has his gift."

Class Officer 2, 3, 4
Annual Staff 4
Paper Staff 2
Class Play 3, 4
Band 1, 2, 3
Boys' Quartet 3
Lettermen's Club 1, 2, 3, 4
Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4
Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4

James Schmulbach
PRESIDENT

Ardell Schoepp
VICE - PRES.

Betty Schaller SECRETARY

Marilyn Stroh TREASURER

Irene Pfeiffer REPORTER

Vale Schneider

Edgar Wirth

JOYCE TRESCH

"Blondes are deceitful, so boys, beware."

Student Council 1
Annual Staff 4
Spotlight Staff 2, 3, 4
Class Play 3, 4
Student Council Play 1
Band 2, 3
Chorus 1, 2, 3
G. A. A. 1, 2, 3, 4
Home Ec. Club 1, 2, 4
Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4

MYRTLE WILDY

"As merry as the day is long."

Class Officer 1
Student Council 2
Annual Staff 4
Spotlight Staff 1, 3, 4
Class Play 3
Chorus 1, 2, 3
G. A. A. 1, 3, 4
Home Ec. Club 1, 4
Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4
Cheerleader 3, 4

WILLIAM PORTMAN

"Talking! Ye Gods! Will he ever stop?"

Annual Staff 4
F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4
Basketball 3, 4

VIOLET SCHOPFER

"It's good to live and learn."

Annual Staff 4
Spotlight Staff 4
Chorus 1, 2, 3
Home Ec. Club 1, 2, 4
Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4

RALPH ZIEGLER

"A gentleman, except for tossing erasers."

Annual Staff 4
Spotlight Staff 1
Class Play 3, 4
Band 1, 2, 3
F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4

RALPH BRETSCH

"I love to flirt!"

F. F. A. 1, 4
Cheerleader 4
Basketball 2, 3

EDNA SCHNEIDER

"You must have been a beautiful baby."

Annual Staff 4
Spotlight Staff 4
G. A. A. 1, 2, 3, 4
Home Ec. Club 1, 2, 4
Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4
Class Play 4

DORREL HERZOG

"He likes girls even more than basketball."

Annual Staff 4
Spotlight Staff 4
Boys' Quartet 3
Lettermen's Club 2, 3, 4
Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4
Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4

Joyce Tresch

Myrtle Wildy

William Portman

Violet Schopfer

Ralph Ziegler

Ralph Bretsch

Edna Schneider

Vorrel Herzog

FERN LEHR

"Just as cheerful as her face shows."

Spotlight Staff 4
Chorus 1, 2, 3
G. A. A. 1, 2, 3, 4
Home Ec. Club 1, 2
Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4
Class Play 4

GRACE WILDY

"Perseverance gains the prize."

Chorus 1, 2, 3
G. A. A. 2, 3, 4
Home Ec. Club 1, 2, 4
Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4

THERRON HERZOG

"A joke is just like sunshine."

Lettermen's Club 2, 3, 4
Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4
Basketball 1

JANICE WIGGAND

"The world is as you take it."

Spotlight Staff 4
Band 1, 2, 3
Chorus 1, 2, 3
Home Ec. Club 1, 4
Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4
Class Play 4

MARVIN HUTH

"The lad with the fetching curls."

F. F. A. 1, 4
Lettermen's Club 2, 3, 4
Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4
Basketball 1, 2

JAMES WOMACK

"If words are music he is a brass band."

Student Council 3
F. F. A. 1, 2, 3
Pep Club 1
Lettermen's Club 3, 4
Basketball 2, 3, 4

DARLENE MUELLER

"Why worry? Life is too short."

Band 2, 3
Chorus 2, 3
Home Ec. Club 1
Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4

ROBERT WAELTZ

"Why should one study and make one's self mad?"

Spotlight Staff 1
Band 1, 2, 3
F. F. A. 1, 2, 3
Lettermen's Club 2, 3, 4
Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4
Athletic Manager 2
Class Play 4

Fern Lehr

Grace Wildy

Therron Herzog

Janice Wiggand

Marvin Huth

James Womack

Darlene Mueller

Robert Waeltz

ALICE WILKERSON

"Once upon a time."

Band 2, 3
Chorus 1, 2, 3
G. A. A. 1, 2, 3
Home Ec. Club 1, 2, 4
Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4

VIOLA SCHNEIDER

"Around the corner success is waiting."

Spotlight Staff 4
G. A. A. 1, 2, 3, 4
Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4

EUGENE DINTELMANN

"I am as contended as a Carnation cow."

Spotlight Staff 4
F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4

LULU GLENN

"If silence is golden she's a millionaire."

Chorus 2, 3
G. A. A. 1
Home Ec. Club 1
Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4

RAY HOFFMAN

"I'm naturally very bashful."

F. F. A. 4
Lettehmen's Club 3, 4
Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4
Basketball 1, 2, 3

HAROLD HEINECKE

"I may still do something sensational!"

F. F. A 1, 4
Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4

MAXINE POLITSCH

"Good natured and quiet."

Spotlight Staff 4
Home Ec. Club 1

DONALD BURTON

"Life is short and so am I."

Class Officers 2
Spotlight Staff 1, 2
Band 1, 2, 3
F. F. A. 4
Lettermen's Club 2, 3, 4
Athletic Manager 2

Alice Wilkerson

Viola Schneider

Eugene Vintelmann

Lulu Glenn

Ray Hoffman

Harold Heinecke

Maxine Politsch

Donald Burton

Class Prophecy

On the evening of May 27, 1959 the ballroom of the Park View Hotel is the scene of a gala reunion of the former Class of '49. The members of the class are gathered there awaiting the arrival of their guest of honor.

At last the moment arrives. A fanfare of trumpets is heard and through the door enters Mr. Dale T. Walker. As the spotlight follows him around he is greeted by former students.

He is attracted to the center of the room by the famous gown designer, none other than Miss Irene Pfeiffer, better known to the fashion world as Renee. She is noted for her "shockingly shocking" creations. Beside her is that charming model, Miss Edna Schneider. Miss Schneider appears very ravishing in one of Renee's exclusive creations.

The honored guest moves to another part of the room where he becomes involved in an argument concerning baseball with the two Herzog brothers and Edgar Wirth. They are each up-holding their respective teams. Relly is "Boy Wonder of the Yankees". Herman is with the Brooklyn Dodgers and Bud is the 40-game winner of the Giants. Each is successful in his individual field.

Next Mr. Walker is greeted by Miss Myrtle Wildy, famous history teacher at the University of Illinois; Miss Lulu Glenn, successful English teacher at Vassar; and Miss Grace Wildy, a nurse who specializes in delicate brain surgery.

Another member of the Class of '49, Donald Burton, attracts Mr. Walker's attention. Burton, head of the Curtis Magazine Sales Department, is trying to sell Ralph Bretsch, owner of the most elaborate casino east of the Mississippi, a subscription to the latest magazines on card tricks. Ray Hoffman, owner of the "Skunk Foot Hunting Lodge" in northern Minnesota, has also joined the group.

There seems to be some commotion in another corner. Ardell "Jack the Snipper" Schoepp, the celebrated understudy of Harold Albers, is trying to give William "Gorgeous Goggles" Portman the latest style haircut. Portman, a well-known wrestler, seems to object and has Schoepp in a half-nelson.

Mr. Walker now joins a group of dignitaries discussing present day problems of the nation. Included in the gathering are James Carter Schmulbach, a Wall Street banker; Marilyn Stroh, lady Senator; and Dale Schneider, president of the Monsanto Chemical Co.

About this time Miss Joyce Tresch, the local butcher, comes dashing across the floor. She had heard a comment that someone was shooting the bull and wanted to purchase it for her meat market.

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Class Prophecy

It was none other than Eugene Dintelmann, an outstanding farmer living near New Athens. "Eutch" was merely bragging about the new breed of cattle he developed.

The spotlight now focuses on Miss Darlene Mueller who has one of the success stories of the nation. She has worked her way from telephone operator to President of the Bell Telephone Co. Chatting with her are Miss Alice Wilkerson and Miss Maxine Politsch. Alice is one of the outstanding beauty operators in St. Louis and is known for her "Enticing Curl" hair-do. Maxine is now the proprietress of the "Rusty Muleslipper Restaurant" which is competing with Billy Rose's Diamond Horseshoe.

In another part of the ballroom booms the voice of James Womack, owner of the largest Jersey Farm in the state of Illinois. He is conversing with Dr. Ralph Ziegler, veterinarian. Dr. Z. is noted for his plastic surgery success (he lifted the face of Elsie the Borden Cow).

One of the highlights of the evening is a scorching torch song by Miss Fern Lehr, accompanied by Miss Betty "Ivory-Tickler" Schaller at the piano. They are currently appearing with a well-known orchestra at the Park View Ballroom.

The spotlight now shines on Captain Harold Heinecke of the United States Navy. He recently became the toast of the nation for the valiant sea rescue of Cleo the Goldfish. Joining the conservation is Mr. Marvin Huth, now President of Huth's Transcontinental Truckline which has put New Athens on the map. Most railroads have been put out of business because Huth carries the freight.

Mr. Walker now greets Miss Violet Schopfer and Miss Janice Wiggand. Miss Schopfer is the private secretary of Dr. Gallup who keeps her constantly on the run. Janice is at the Indiana Girls College where she is basketball coach of the "Hoosier Hot Shots".

The busiest celebrity of the group is Miss Viola Schneider, foreign news correspondent, who flew from Moscow especially to attend the reunion. She is constantly taking notes on the gala affair for her "Woman About 30" column now appearing in the world's leading weekly, the Journal-Press.

At the stroke of midnight the group gathered around Mr. Walker, the Albert Einstein of 1959, to present him with a gift. It is a solid gold slide rule with inlaid rubies. According to Mr. Robert Waeltz, president of the Caterpillar Corporation, who makes the presentation, this rule has attained an accuracy of 102 per cent.

When the gathering finally concludes, it is decided to hold another reunion in ten years. The group vanishes into the night, each person seeking the fate or fame which the future holds.

Little Nuggets

1. Little Miss Muffet ..... Maxine Politsch
2. Bluebeard the Pirate ..... Jim Schmulbach
3. Little Papoose ..... Janice Wiggand
4. Puppy Love ..... Bob and Betty Schaller
5. Bright Eyes ..... Fern and Helen Lehr
6. Soda Pop Trio ..... Therron, Codell, and Dorrell Herzog
7. Carp ..... Ralph Ziegler
8. Shiek ..... Ardell Schoepp
9. Curlie ..... Violet Schopfer
10. Minny ..... Marilyn Stroh
11. Parade ..... Dorrel Herzog, Jim Schmulbach, Robert Waeltz, Ardell Schoepp, Edgar Wirth, Ralph Bretsch
12. Snookums ..... Alice Wilkerson
13. Goggles ..... Bill Portman

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Little Nuggets

1. Ride 'em Idiene ..... Joyce Tresch
2. Captain Ozzie ..... Harold Heinecke
3. Shorty ..... Lulu Glenn
4. Miss Innocence ..... Irene Pfeiffer
5. Sleepy ..... Robert Waeltz
6. Cutie ..... Viola Schneider
7. Doughead the Farmer ..... Jim Womack
8. Dolly ..... Darlene Mueller
9. Pootz and Pooch ..... Edgar Wirth
10. Big Sisters and Baby ..... Ruth, Grace, and Ralph Wildy
11. Twerp ..... Myrtle Wildy
12. Goldylocks ..... Edna Schneider

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Class Will

We, the Senior Class of '49, better known as the "Gold Diggers", of New Athens Community High School, located between the Illinois Central tracks and Route 13, southeast of New Athens, district 68, county of St. Clair, state of Illinois, country of the United States, continent of North America, visited by Shiek Raphael Emmanuel of Turkey in 1946, claiming to be of sound mind and memory do hereby declare our last will and testament.

SECTION I

To Mr. R. A. "Second Tuesday of next week" Neal we will a "second Tuesday", a larger office and a rubber stamp to sign passes.

To our sponsor, Mr. Dale "You have to memorize it" Walker we will a "straight A" chemistry class.

To Mr. A. J. "Use this time to your advantage" Woods we will a new rostrum and winning teams in future years.

To Miss Lois "Ready, type!" Davis we will a new mimeograph machine and an electric heater for her typing room.

To Miss Shirley "Does anyone else have any ideas on this?" Sherman we will a gavel to tap on her desk and quiet English class.

To Mr. Russel "Smiley" Meridith we will a farm to help in teaching Ag.

To Mr. Paul "Dream Boy" Longenbaugh we will a new class of feminine admirers.

To Miss Audrey "Mr. Neal wants to see you!" Hill we will a public address system to call students to the office.

To Mr. Charles "Chore Girl" Koenitz we will a vacuum sweeper and a crate of Old Dutch Cleanser.

SECTION II

To the Juniors we will our good looks and manners.

To the Sophomores we will our leadership ability.

To the Freshmen we will anything and everything they find that we left behind.

SECTION III

In order to promote happiness and general welfare, the individual members of the Class of '49 do hereby bestow the following bestowals.

I, Ralph Bretsch, will my ability to make "Mad Love" to all the girls to Arthur Rowald.

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Class Will

I, Donald Burton, will my friendliness to Leona Frisch.

I, Eugene Dintlemann, will my Ag. ability to Junior Knewitz.

I, Lulu Glenn, will my flamming red hair to Betty Weber.

I, Harold Heinecke, will my snug bell-bottom trousers to Ronald Priest.

I, Dorrell Herzog, will my atheletic ability to George Goegelein.

I, Ray Hoffman, will my good lucks to anyone who wants them.

I, Therron Herzog, will my jokes and wise-cracks to Bill May.

I, Marvin Huth, will my ability to get around and go places to Skippy Wellenkotter.

I, Fern Lehr, will my flirting ways to Rose Becker.

I, Darlene Mueller, will my ability to attract handsome men to Shirley Stroh.

I, Irene Pfeiffer, will my pep and cheerleading ability to Juanita Dudeck.

I, Maxine Politsch, will my quietness to Joylyn Schoepp.

I, William Portman, will my wavy hair to Alonzo J. Woods.

I, Betty Schaller, will my "Baby Ways" to Gladys Weidemann.

I, Jim Schmulbach, will my personality to Aaron Vogler.

I, Edna Schneider, will my long hair to Patie Priest.

I, Dale Schneider, will my ability of knowing everything to Floyd Grohman.

I, Viola Schneider, will my slimness to Dorisjean Ann Hill.

I, Ardell Schoepp, will my "shiek" way of attracting women to Robert Schmelzel.

I, Violet Schopfer, will my typing speed to Iona Quathamer.

I, Marilyn Stroh, will my brains to any students of NACHS who need them.

I, Joyce Tresch, will my cheerfulness to Helen Mehner.

I, Robert Waeltz, will my ability to pester girls to Ralph Liefer.

I, Janice Wiggand, will my basketball ability to Adele Winter.

I, Grace Wildy, will my studiousness to Clarence Quirin.

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Class Will

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I, Myrtle Wildy, will my history knowledge and my ability to ask more questions than anyone else in the class to Dawn Albers.

I, Alice Wilkerson, will my old test papers to Barbara Goegelein.

I, Edgar Wirth, will my pitching ability and height to Deneen Krupp.

I, Jim Womack, will my frequent trips to the office to Vera Hofmeister.

I, Ralph Ziegler, will my chemistry knowledge to Armin Robert.

SIGNED, SEALED, and DECLARED before us, by the Senior Class of 1949, on this thirty-fifth day of May in the year of our Lord, three thousand four hundred and seventy-two.

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James Bruno

Jona Quathamer

Robert Schmelzel

Arlene Schulz

Kenneth Sauerwein

Junior Class History

The first few days of September 1946 were very exciting for the twenty-six new pupils of NACHS. After getting acquainted, the election of class officers was held. Our first year we made money by selling pop corn.

During our sophomore year we lost Ray Reuss, Fred Grohman, and Martha Martin. Jackie Herman joined the class. As a group project, ice cream was sold.

The Junior year has brought much excitement. First, the class was again reduced; we lost Donald Frech, Paul Hammond, Delores Berthold, Sylvester Mehrman, Betty Loesche, Patsy Kuehn, and Cecil Teter. Two new pupils—Orville Liefer and Myrtle Hendricks—joined us.

On election day, the following officers were chosen:

Sponsor	Mr. Woods
President	Dawn Albers
Vice President	Myra Kolditz
Secretary	Mary Lou Sinn
Treasurer	Ruth Krieg
Reporter	Norbert Utz

Then the selling of candy and soda was begun as a means of boosting our treasury.

On November 9 the Junior play, "Miss Jimmy", was presented. It was a fine production. During December we ordered our class rings. Now we are working hard to present the annual prom which will be Saturday, May 14.

Junior: "What is a kiss?"
Senior: "Two divided by nothing!"

Robert S: "Was it funny when you fell skating?"
Richard A: "No! But the ice made a few cracks."

Mr. Woods: "When was the latest flood?"
Norbert: "Why, last night an engineering student went babysitting. The little fellow sat on his book and washed out three bridges."

Alberta Schumacher
SEC.

Ann Howard
VICE-PRES.

Henry Schneider
PRES.

Bill May
TREAS.

Marie Franck
REPORTER.

Gladys Weidemann

Helen Mehner

Aaron Vogler

Dorisann Loeb

Barbara Goegelein

Bob Klingenfus

Patty Schoepp

Gloria Harris

Edith Schrag

Charles Bonewitz

Shirley Luechtefeld

Wilma Liefer

John Ziegler

Adele Winter

Vera Hofmiester

Clarence Stehl

Frank Scholes

Shirley Stroh

Joan Frech

Donald Burk

Jack Bowman

Maylene Phillips

Wilmer Schopfer

Jennie Bush

Patie Priest

Walter Politsch

Lola Greenwood

Sophomore Class History

In September of 1947 a frightened Freshman class entered the doors of NACHS, expecting the worst. Our fears subsided a little when we learned that there was to be no initiation, but there was still the ordeal of finding books and classrooms.

Class officers were elected at our first meeting. With Mrs. Eckert as sponsor and Bob Klingenfus as president we had a successful year. We sold pop corn at basketball games as a class project.

At the beginning of our Sophomore year we gained three classmates —Bill May, Wilma Liefer, and Lola Greenwood. Our pilots for the year were:

Sponsor ..... Miss Sherman
President ..... Henry Schneider
Vice President ..... Ann Howard
Secretary ..... Alberta Schumacher
Treasurer ..... Bill May
Reporter ..... Marie Franck

To get "in the dough" we sold ice cream at noon and at basketball games.

Now the Class of '51 is looking forward to two more happy years at NACHS.

Mr. Meridith: "Yes, students, you will be surprised to know that after a long study I can speak the language of wild animals."
Bill May: "Next time you meet a skunk, ask him what is the big idea."

My lady, be wary of Cupid;
And listen to the lines of this verse:
To let a fool kiss you is stupid,
But to let a kiss fool you is worse!

Alvin Weidemann
TREAS.

Dale Prediger
V. PRES.

Carl Wellenkotter
PRES.

Kent Fullmer
SEC.

Betty Weber

Rosemary Emge

Codell Herzog

Rita Hoff

Melvin Stoll

Odelia Reuss

Ralph Liefer

Doris Hill

Robert Roth

Geneva Bush

Donald Ragland

Helen Scholes

Arthur Rowald

Rose Becker

James Mueller

Merna Phillips

Audrey Stolte

June Sheets

Ronald Priest

Norma Wagner

Carolyn Franck

Gloria Bollmeier

Ada Meister

Shirley Wagner

Barbara Kosarek

Eleanor Phillips

Melvin Gaubatz

Clarence Quirin

Mabelene Voelkel

Muriel Bollmeier

Floyd Grohman

Armin Robert

Marie Kaesberg

Junior Knewitz

Juanita Dudeck

Louise Scholes

Richard Schopfer

Doreen Krupp

Dorothy Frisch

George Goegelein

Freshmen Class History

The school year of 1948-49 brought forty-six new students to NACHS. All of us were eager to find out what high school was really like.

Clarence Quirin and Odelia Reuss joined our class a few months after school started. By the middle of the first semester, Donald Ragland was enrolled as a class member. We were sorry that Meridene Berthold dropped out after Christmas.

At our first meeting a sponsor and officers were elected. They are:

Sponsor ..... Mr. Meridith
President ..... Carl Wellenkotter
Vice President ..... Dale Prediger
Secretary ..... Kent Fullmer
Treasurer ..... Alvin Weidemann
Reporter ..... Betty Weber

We are selling pop corn to raise money for our class treasury.

As a class we are looking forward to our first Prom and to three years still remaining in our high school career.
The best is yet to come!

A woodpecker lit on a Freshie's head
And settled down to drill.
He pecked away for a half a day
And finally broke his bill.

Coach W: "Herman, can you play Faust?"
Herman H: "I can play faust or slow."

The other night I stole a kiss.
My conscience hurt. Alack!
I think I'll go again tonight
And put the darn thing back.

ATHLETICS

Athletic Autographs

Bat Boy: Deneen Krupp

Front Row: Ray Hoffman, Ardell Schoepp, Marvin Huth, Dorrel Herzog, Edgar Wirth, Bob Klingenfus, Therron Herzog, Jim Schmulbach, Coach A. J. Woods.

Back Row: Bob Waeltz, Bill May, Melvin Stoll, Dale Schneider, Lloyd Schlesinger, John Ziegler, Walter Politsch, Donald Burk, Norbert Utz, Dale Prediger.

Edgar Wirth	Senior	Pitcher; Outfielder
Dorrel Herzog	Senior	Pitcher; Outfielder
Dale Schneider	Senior	Outfielder
Ardell Schoepp	Senior	Third Base
Therron Herzog	Senior	Shortstop
Marvin Huth	Senior	Second Base
Jim Schmulbach	Senior	Outfielder
Ray Hoffman	Senior	Infielder
Norbert Utz	Junior	Infielder
Lloyd Schlesinger	Junior	First Base
John Ziegler	Soph.	Infielder
Bob Klingenfus	Soph.	Catcher
Bill May	Soph.	Utility
Donald Burk	Soph.	Outfielder
Aaron Vogler	Soph.	Utility
Walter Politsch	Soph.	Outfielder
Jack Bowman	Soph.	Outfielder
Melvin Stoll	Fresh.	Utility
Dale Prediger	Fresh.	Infielder

Spring Baseball

Thoughts of spring baseball bring memories of a record-smashing season. The mighty Yellowjackets easily powered their way through the Kaskaskia Conference with an impressive 8-0 record. Their only defeat, prior to tournament play, was suffered at the hands of the defending State Champions, the Belleville Maroons, who nosed out the Jackets in a tight 3-2 contest.

The team came and conquered as it swept through the District Tournament with three decisive victories. The first conquest was meted out of the hapless Marissa Meteors in the opener on Captain Virgil Loesche's one-hit performance. When the dust clouds finally cleared away the score was New Athens 12, Marissa 1. Bud Wirth twirled the second game as the Jackets suppressed the stubborn Freeburg Midgets by a 2-0 score. Dupo failed to provide any real trouble in the championship game and fell a victim to the aggressive Yellowjackets 7-0.

The Sectional Tournament, which was held at Du Quoin, was the scene of two more sweeping victories. Mt. Vernon was first to yield and fall by the wayside when Bud Wirth set them down on 1 hit and as many runs while the Jackets dented the plate for 3 markers. Loesche came through with a sterling performance when he blanked DuQuoin 3-0

The trip to the State Tournament held at Peoria gave the boys a new and never-to-be-forgotten experience. "Big Ed" Wirth took the mound chores in the opening contest against the much talked about Kelly High of Chicago. The Yellowjackets dominated defensively and offensively during the entire game and were rewarded with a 6-0 victory. Virg Loesche kept the upper hand in the succeeding match and contributed a 6-4 victory over Peoria Spalding to qualify the Jackets for the Championship game. In the night-cap Championship duel, the New Athens nine yielded to their southern neighbor, Granite City, by a 4-1 score.

New Athens, the smallest school entered in the State Tournament, brought with it the most impressive record. A large group of loyal New Athens fans attended the tournament and encouraged their team to victory. All the boys are looking forward to a return trip to the State Tournament next year.

The outstanding pitching and alert supporting play of the team during the entire season produced a championship team with an outstanding record. They succeeded in reaching unprecedented heights in the New Athens High School sports annals.

Game Scores

TEAM			SCORE
East St. Louis	here	won	5—0
Red Bud	here	won	9—4
Columbia	here	won	32—6
Waterloo	there	won	8—5
Valmeyer	here	won	2—0
Marissa	here	won	16—8
Red Bud	there	won	7—0
Waterloo	here	won	8—6
Valmeyer	there	won	4—0
Belleville	here	lost	3—2
Columbia	forfeit	won	1—0

DISTRICT TOURNAMENT
(at Freeburg)

Marissa	won	12—1
Freeburg	won	2—0
Dupo	won	7—0

SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT
(at Du Quoin)

Mt. Vernon	won	3—1
Du Quoin	won	3—0

STATE TOURNAMENT
(at Peoria)

Chicago Kelly	won	6—0
Peoria Spalding	won	6—4
Granite City	lost	4—1

INFIELD

The infield consisted of this dependable crew. From left to right, A. Schoepp, H. Herzog, M. Huth, Lloyd Schlesinger.

OUTFIELD

The outfield completed a flawless fall season. They are D. Schneider, R. Herzog, J. Schmulbach.

BUD WIRTH

EMIL KLINGENFUS

ARDELL SCHOEPP

These three boys, because of their play in the State Tournament, were chosen by the Illinois State Athletic Association as All-State Performers.

LEADING HITTERS

Blasting out the ball for impressive averages were R. Herzog (.584), A. Schoepp (.408), and Bob Klingenfus (.376).

BATTERIES

This sextet consisted of M. Huth, J. Schmulbach, R. Herzog, E. Wirth, M. Stoll, and B. Klingenfus.

Fall Baseball

Taking up where they left off the previous season, the clever New Athens Yellowjackets battled their way to their second consecutive Cahokia Conference Championship without a loss.

Big, towering Bud Wirth and his cunning partner, Relly Herzog, divided the mound duties. Bud, twice during the course of the season, reached that supreme goal in the minds of pitchers when he twirled two no-hit, no-run performances. His first brilliant performance toppled the hapless Waterloo Bulldogs 5-0, and in the next game the New Athens fireballer shattered Lebanon with a 14-0 whitewashing. This was Wirth's third no-hitter in his career (he turned the trick against Valmeyer in 1947, 3-0). Relly Herzog, a southpaw, specialized in curve balls which he threw with hairbreadth control. Herzog also contributed a memorable page to our sports history with a well-pitched no-hitter against New Baden, 4-0. Besides pitching, Herzog blanketed center field and paced the team in hitting.

The pitching staff twirled 3 one-hit games in addition to the no- hitters. The opponents were able to compile only 7 runs and 19 hits in 12 games.

Backing the pitcher with steadfast dependability were the infield and the outfield. That the outfield played an entire season without committing an error was a noteworthy feature which contributed much to the team's defensive strength. The hitting department, although not spectacular, was sufficiently strong to bolster a 7.9 run average per game.

Several underclassmen have been steadily improving under Coach Woods' guidance so that New Athens is looking forward to winning teams in the future.

SCORE THERE		OPPONENT	SCORE HERE	
We	They		We	They
6	1	New Baden	4	0
14	0	Lebanon	22	0
10	0	O'Fallon	8	2
1	0	Mascoutah	5	2
5	0	Waterloo	8	0
7	1	Freeburg	5	1

CAHOKIA CONFERENCE TEAM STANDINGS

	Won	Lost
New Athens	12	0
Mascoutah	8	4
Freeburg	6	6
New Baden	6	6
O'Fallon	6	6
Lebanon	4	8
Waterloo	0	12

School Loyalty Song

We're loyal to you New Athens High.
We're purple and gold New Athens High.
We'll back you to stand
Against the best in the land;
For we know you have sand New Athens High.
Rah!! Rah!!
So break up that ball New Athens High.
We're backing you all New Athens High.
Our team is our fame protector.
On boys for we expect a victory
From you New Athens High.
Cha-he-cha-ha-cha-ha-ha-ha
New Athens, New Athens, New Athens!
Fling out that dear old flag of purple and gold.
Lead on your sons and daughters
Fighting of old.
For men of old are giants
Placing reliance,
Shouting defiance,
Oske wa-wa!
Across the broad green plains that flourish our land,
For honest labor and for learning we stand,
And unto thee we pledge our heart and hand,
Dear Alma Mater, New Athens High.

BILL HOFFMAN

Junior — Guard
5ft., 9in. — 148 lbs.

"Red" contributed his share to the success of the team through his dazzling outcourt shots and was considered by many as one of the best shots in the Cahokia Conference. He was especially effective against a zone defense and worked well in a fast break.

EDGAR "BUD" WIRTH

Senior — Center
6 ft., 3½ in. — 182 lbs.

The best rebounder and scorer for the second straight year, Bud proved he was one of the main reasons for the success of the team. He combined his ability as a tip-in artist and his mastery of the "jump" and "hook" shots to give him the upper berth in Cahokia Conference scoring.

CAPT. "RELLY" HERZOG

Senior — Guard
5 ft., 10 in. — 150 lbs.

Relly captained his team with dependable constancy. His long shots combined with unlimited drive netted him many points and established him as second highest scorer on the team. Ball handling was his strongest point, but during the season he repeatedly did heavy rebounding work.

JIM WOMACK

Senior — Forward
5 ft., 9½ in. — 184 lbs.

Though the going be rough and the odds be great, Jim could be counted on to take a commanding share of the rebounds and to give the opponents plenty of trouble under the basket.

CHARLES SCHREIBER

Junior — Center
6 ft. — 147 lbs.

By ceaseless work and long hours of practice, this tall lanky Junior has steadily improved until he will soon be a "crack" pivot man for the Jackets. This year he served as Wirth's understudy and could always be counted on in case of trouble.

BOB WAELTZ

Senior — Guard
5 ft., 8 in. — 145 lbs.

A virtual Phantom of the Court, Bob caused much confusion and embarrassment to the opponents with his ball stealing and his unusual guarding ability. Bob had the strange faculty of being in the right place at the right time.

COACH WOODS

Coach Woods has turned in his third successful season as coach of the New Athens Yellowjackets. His work with the team and his pleasant personality have won the respect and admiration of the fans and opponents as well as that of the boys.

"CUTTER" SCHNEIDER

Senior — Guard
5 ft., 7 in. — 145 lbs.

"Cutter" was a cool, clever ball handler. Making the most of his size, he repeatedly out-thought his opponent. His unruffled daring and coolness drew the admiration of referees and fans and reassured his team mates.

ARDELL SCHOEPP

Senior — Forward
6 ft. — 160 lbs

Excelling under the basket as a rebounder, Ardell was a mainstay for grabbing rebounds from the backboards. His accuracy with side shots made him one of the team's leading scorers. He was noted for his foresight and coolness.

JIM SCHMULBACH

Senior — Forward
5 ft., 8½ in. — 150 lbs.

Jim was an aggressive player from start to finish. His unparalleled drive enabled him to score timely baskets. His determination and drive gained notoriety among his opponents and his team work made him a valuable player.

NORBERT UTZ

Junior — Guard
5 ft., 5 in. — 135 lbs.

Although Norbert didn't see much action this season, his presence next year will be welcomed. His aggressive attitude will contribute to the "press" defense.

BOB KLINGENFUS

Sophomore — Forward
5 ft., 10 in. — 150 lbs.

Bob, the only underclassman of the "A" squad, had an unstoppable jump shot that marked him as an offensive mainstay for future seasons.

LLOYD SCHLESINGER

Junior — Forward
5 ft., 10 in. — 155 lbs.

"Doc" was a great team man. His unusual manner of dribbling threw his opposition off stride. Lloyd's rebounding ability will have much future use.

Bill Hoffman

"Bud" Wirth

"Kelly" Herzog

Jim Womack

Charles Schreiber

Bob Waeltz

Coach Woods

"Cutter" Schneider

Ardell Schoepp

Jim Schmulbach

Norbert Utz

Bob Klingenfus

Lloyd Schlesinger

Basketball

"The Team to Beat" was the title conferred on the New Athens Yellowjackets at the start of the season. The Jackets were given the nod of approval to compound the top positions in the Cahokia and Kaskaskia Conferences. The agile New Athens squad lived up to these expectations but the strong Cahokia Conference offered formidable opponents in the teams of Dupo and Mascoutah. The Mascoutah Indians were scalped twice by the local quintet in conference play but the games were hard fought and well won. The lone Yellowjackets defeat of the season came at the hands of the Dupo Tigers. This was a 34-32 verdict on our home court. However, we played without the services of our tall center, Bud Wirth, who cut his hand on glass tubing in the chemistry laboratory the day before the game. The Tiger-Yellowjacket encounter on the Dupo hardwood was a different story when the Yellowjackets sought vengeance upon their foes and easily subdued Dupo 55-39.

The Kaskaskia loop proved much easier to the defending champions of that conference and we finished with a clean 8-0 record.

The O'Fallon Christmas Invitational Tournament proved a midseason tonic for Coach A. J. Woods' cagers. Carlyle was smothered in the opener by the pace-setting Woodsmen, 70-50. The small, deceptive Marissa Meteors proved incompetent and a strong Jacket defense held them to 4 field goals the entire evening. In the meantime the Jackets ran amuck and won handily 49-29. The title game found the improved Lebanon Greyhounds facing the enterprising Yellowjackets. The Greyhounds licked at the heels of the Jackets during the first half but in the third quarter the Woodsmen took a commanding lead and held on until the final gun. The scoreboard read 55-41.

The following week after the O'Fallon conquest, the Invitational Champs swept through the annual Kaskaskia Tournament at Waterloo. The local quintet was heavily favored and they refused to disappoint anyone. Columbia fought stubbornly but finally succumbed to superior height, 61-46. The Pirates from Valmeyer squared off with the Woodsmen in the championship game but the Jackets found themselves easily victorious by a 68-42 score.

The Jackets used a very formidable "press" defense throughout the season and this played an important part in all the team's victories. The injury jinx followed the team all season and few players escaped untouched.

This was the first time in the history of NACHS that the school won a Cahokia Conference Championship. The Jackets finished their regular season, prior to the state-wide tournament play, with a 24-1 record. Their noteworthy play received notice, and honorable mention was given in several state-wide polls.

This team will be remembered long after graduation day.

District Tournament

The purple and gold Yellowjackets from New Athens captured their second consecutive district tournament held on their home court. The tournament was held during the week of February 21-25 with eight competing teams. New Athens was seeded the number one position and proved worthy of the honor by drubbing a stubborn Columbia five 65-39. The second victory for the powerful Jacket quintet was a stirring 50-30 victory over their arch rivals, Freeburg. Not once in the game was Coach Alonzo Woods' aggregation in trouble and everyone went home well satisfied with the results. Okawville qualified for the championship game with New Athens by mauling the Red Bud Musketeers in their opener and by upsetting the strong Mascoutah Indians by a 43-34 score. The championship game found the well-balanced Okawville Rockets squared off with the power-laden Yellowjackets. Good clean play was exercised throughout the game and when the final gun sounded, the scoreboard read New Athens, 55, Okawville 42. This qualified the Woodsmen for another trip to the regional tournament held at Belleville.

Regional Tournament

Fans in the Belleville area recognized the two outstanding teams in the Belleville regional as the top-rated Belleville Maroons and the Little Giants from New Athens. The plans were made for a top-notch championship game as Belleville was placed in the upper bracket and New Athens in the lower bracket.

The opening regional games found Belleville pitted against a small Marissa team which the Yellowjackets defeated in the O'Fallon Christmas Tournament. Marissa stayed in the game but height meant the difference and Belleville took the decision 48-40. In the semi-final tilt of the upper bracket East St. Louis High fell victim to the sharpshooting Maroons 52-40.

However, the speedy New Athens quintet was also making headway. Central Catholic was smothered in the Yellowjackets' premier regional game 52-40. Tall, lanky Bud Wirth stripped the nets for 19 points, followed by Schoepp with 11 and Herzog with 10. Commanding the lead throughout the game, the local boys were never in great danger. Nevertheless, the tension remained with the fans until the termination of the conflict. In the semi-finals New Athens had a regular Cahokia Conference battle on its hands but fought every inch of the way to down the Dupo Tigers, the only team able to stop the Yellowjackets during the season. Dupo built up a temporary lead in the first quarter but New Athens' accuracy from the foul line evened the account and the first quarter ended with the Yellowjackets holding a slim 14-12 lead. The second period was a repitition of the first with much fouling and nip and tuck play. The half ended with the teams deadlocked 21-21. The lead changed hands eleven times during the melee until finally Wirth, Herzog, and Schmulbach (who appeared in the game for the first time in three weeks because of a

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Regional Tournament

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sprained ankle) put the Jackets ahead as the third session ended 32-27. The final quarter was played on even terms until with five minutes to go Dupo whittled the margin to two points. Then Wirth and Herzog added baskets to clinch the victory for New Athens.

The dream championship game was finally realized when on Friday, March 4 at 8 p.m. the Belleville Maroons squared off against the New Athens Yellowjackets. The Belleville team had a great advantage in height and along with it they possessed several good set shots. Speed, drive, and determination marked the clever Yellowjackets. The game started with the stands packed with over 2000 fans. Immediately the New Athens quintet jumped to a 9-0 lead before Belleville could find themselves. The roar in the gym was deafening. That big lead melted and the Jackets were in front 10-7 at the close of the first quarter. Belleville hit the hot-test pace of any team in the tournament during the next eight minutes and vaulted to an 8 point lead by halftime. The Maroons dumped in 11 baskets in 18 shots during the second period. Immediately after the start of the third period the Maroons had a 10 point lead but then the Jackets went to work. With two minutes and fifteen seconds remaining in the quarter the score was tied 36-36 and again 38-38 but two free pitches gave Frank Scott's cagers a 40-38 lead as the quarter closed. Again the Maroons jumped to an 8 point lead in the fourth quarter but the never-say-die Yellowjackets pecked away until with only 77 seconds left the score read 50-48. The ball changed hands several times but with 17 seconds to go Wirth looped the tying basket. Belleville attempted a long pass but in the confusion Bob Thompson fouled Ardell Schoepp. Schoepp showed no signs of nervousness as he stepped to the free throw line, took the ball in hand, and used his push shot that was true. The remaining five seconds passed quickly and the game ended with New Athens in control of the ball. Then bedlam—pandemonium—or whatever you care to call it broke loose and for the first time in the school's history, New Athens won a regional championship.

Sectional Tournament

Ainad Temple in East St. Louis was chosen as the spot for the Sectional Tournament. Again the small, deceptive Jackets were pitted against superior height but it was hoped that speed and aggressiveness would make up the difference. Nashville took an early 8-3 lead but the count was knotted 12-12 at the end of the period. The teams played carefully in the second period and they scored only with difficulty. The period ended with New Athens leading 21-19. The Jackets offense was lax during the third quarter and they scored just three points to lag behind 28-24 going into the final stanza. The Jackets steadily crept up and with only a minute left the Nashville lead was whittled to one point. Nashville proved adept at stalling and protected their slender margin until time ran out. Nashville continued in tourney play, finishing fourth in the State.

CAHOKIA CONFERENCE TEAM STANDINGS

	W	L	pts.	opp.
New Athens	13	1	840	525
Dupo	11	3	696	511
Mascoutah	11	3	660	538
Freeburg	6	8	578	635
Lebanon	6	8	568	630
O'Fallon	6	8	553	641
Waterloo	2	12	541	773
New Baden	1	13	530	711

GAME SCORES

			we	they
Nov. 19	Freeburg*	H	71	45
Nov. 30	Columbia**	H	51	29
Dec. 3	O,Fallon*	H	65	40
Dec. 7	Valmeyer**	T	64	42
Dec. 10	Lebanon*	T	58	38
Dec. 14	Waterloo***	H	59	25
Dec. 17	Dupo*	H	32	34
Jan. 3	Mascoutah*	H	66	43
Jan. 14	Freeburg*	T	43	39
Jan. 21	Mascoutah*	T	53	41
Jan. 24	New Baden*	T	73	34
Jan. 25	Red Bud**	T	71	50
Jan. 28	O'Fallon*	T	56	32
Feb. 1	Red Bud**	H	66	22
Feb. 4	Lebanon*	H	73	37
Feb. 8	Columbia**	T	67	33
Feb. 11	Dupo*	T	55	39
Feb. 15	New Baden*	H	62	38
Feb. 16	Valmeyer**	H	64	50
Feb. 18	Waterloo***	T	74	40

* Cahokia Conference
** Kaskaskia Conference
*** Both Conferences

CHRISTMAS TOURNAMENT
(at O'Fallon)

		we	they
Dec. 27	Carlyle	70	50
Dec. 29	Marissa	49	29
Dec. 30	Lebanon	55	41

KASKASKIA TOURNAMENT
(at Waterloo)

Jan. 5	Columbia	61	46
Jan. 7	Valmeyer	68	42

Junior Jackets

The accented feature of the Junior Jackets was their unusual height. Two of the boys on the starting "5", Ziegler and Schneider, towered 6 feet tall and the remaining team members averaged 5'10". Rebounding was a strong feature in their attack but the team suffered immeasurably from lack of a outcourt shot.

The "B" team was also hampered by the injury jinx; but unlike the "A" team, it took a heavy toll on their games. The final record of the squad wasn't impressive but great success is expected next season.

Ziegler and Schneider were good rebounders; May and Politsch exhibited skill in ball handling. Klingenfus paced the team in scorng.

The large number of graduating "A" team men will leave room for several of these capable players next season.

Pictured, from left to right, are: Seated—Manager Donald Ragland.

1st row—Dale Prediger, Alvin Weidemann, Jack Bowman, John Ziegler, Bob Klingenfus, Henry Schneider, Bill May, Melvin Stoll, Kent Fullmer.

2nd row—Coach A. J. Woods, Aaron Vogler, Robert Roth, Orville Liefer, Walter Politsch, Carl Wellenkotter, Donald Burk.

Fresh-Soph Team

The annual Sparta Fresh-Soph Tournament took place during the second week of March and results were not available in time for this publication.

Most of the squad members saw action with the Junior Jackets. With time, practice will make perfect; and the Fresh-Soph team will develop into a fine squad.

Pictured from left to right, are:

1st row—Coach A. J. Woods, John Ziegler, Bob Klingenfus, Walter Politsch, Henry Schneider, Bill May, Melvin Stoll.

2nd row—Dale Prediger, Aaron Vogler, Kent Fullmer, Robert Roth, Jack Bowman, Carl Wellenkotter, Alvin Weidemann, Donald Burk, and Manager Donald Ragland.

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Lettermen's Club

The Lettermen's Club is composed of boys who proudly wear the school letters they earned in athletic activities. Each year brings a growth in membership as the Yellowjackets bring new honors to NACHS.

Pictured, from left to right, are:

1st row—Dale Schneider, Bob Klingenfus, Coach A. J. Woods, Therron Herzog, Donald Burton, and Norbert Utz.

2nd row—Lloyd Schlesinger, Dorrel Herzog, Marvin Huth, Edgar Wirth, Ardell Schoepp, Charles Schreiber, and John Ziegler.

3rd row—Jim Schmulbach, Jim Womack, Bill Hoffman, Robert Waeltz, and Ray Hoffman.

Cheerleaders

Leading the "fifteen rahs for a solid team" at all our games were four Seniors—Betty Schaller, Irene Pfeiffer, Myrtle Wildy, and Ralph Bretsch.

The girls made a striking appearance in full purple skirts and white sweaters. Bretsch wore white trousers and a purple sweater.

Their pep and gracefulness helped much in urging the team to victory.

Pep Club

A large group of students supported the capable cheerleaders with loud and peppy yells. The Jackets appreciated their attendance at all the games.

Pictured, from left to right, are:

Kneeling, Ralph Bretsch, Betty Schaller, Irene Pfeiffer, Myrtle Wildy.

1st row—Grace Wildy, Viola Schneider, Fern Lehr, Joylyn Schoepp, Mary Lou Sinn, Myra Kolditz, Lulu Glenn, Edna Schneider, Joyce Tresch, Violet Schopfer, Alice Wilkerson, Marilyn Stroh.

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The Spotlight Staff

The Spotlight, monthly publication of NACHS, had the New Look this year—colored covers. Besides the colored covers, the paper contains the latest sports news, class news, gossip, humor and activity news. There were also many feature articles written by the students. The paper was produced by the Typing II class.

The success of the Spotlight is due largely to Miss Davis, our helpful sponsor.

Pictured, from left to right, are: 1st row—Irene Pfeiffer, Myrtle Wildy, Betty Schaller, Miss Davis, Viola Schneider, Joyce Tresch, Edna Schneider.

2nd row—Betty Weber, Patie Priest, Vera Hofmeister, Janice Wiggand, Maxine Politsch, Fern Lehr, Violet Schopfer, Marilyn Stroh, Norbert Utz.

3rd row—Mary Lou Sinn, Joylyn Schoepp, Myra Kolditz, Ruth Krieg, Jim Schmulbach, Dorrel Herzog, Eugene Dintelmann, Marie Franck, Patty Schoepp, Ann Howard.

Alberta Schumacher and Dawn Albers were also on the staff.

G. A. A.

The Girls Athletic Association is a national organization to promote sportsmanship among girls and provide entertainment for its members.

Under our sponsor, Miss Sherman, the girls had an active year. A large initiation party was given for the Freshies and several one-act plays and a musicale were presented. The girls have also been active earning points for their school awards.

Officers for '48-49 are:

President	Irene Pfeiffer
Vice President	Joyce Tresch
Secretary	Myrtle Wildy
Treasurer	Alberta Schumacher
Reporter	Joylyn Schoepp

Pictured, from left to right, are: 1st row—Grace Wildy, Viola Schneider, Fern Lehr, Joylyn Schoepp, Irene Pfeiffer, Joyce Tresch, Myrtle Wildy, Edna Schneider, Betty Schaller.

2nd row—Adele Winter, Shirley Wagner, Gloria Bollmeier, Eleanor Phillips, Muriel Bollmeier, Patie Priest, Norma Wagner, Rosemary Emge, Audrey Stolte, Dorothy Frisch, Miss Sherman.

3rd row—Barbara Goegelein, Vera Hofmeister, Glora Harris, Myrtle Hendricks, Joan Frech, Doris Hill, Shirley Stroh, Carolyn Franck, Marie Franck, Patty Schoepp, Ann Howard.

F. F. A.

The Future Farmers of America is a national organization for boys interested in agriculture. The local chapter has 27 members. Officers for the 1948-49 term are:

President	Ralph Ziegler
Vice President	Marvin Huth
Secretary	Bill Portman
Treasurer	Henry Schneider
Reporter	Eugene Dintelmann
Sentinel	Wilmer Schopfer

Mr. Meridith is the advisor of the chapter. The chapter has one State Farmer, Lawrence Range, who was also named the 1948 Star State Farmer of Section 18.

Many ribbons were won by boys from the chapter at the Section 18 fairs and the judging teams also won some placings.

The chapter held a Christmas party and its regular Parent-Son banquet during the year.

Pictured, from left to right, 1st row—Henry Schneider, Wilmer Schopfer, Bill Portman, Ralph Ziegler, Mr. Meridith, Eugene Dintelmann, Marvin Huth.

2nd row—Richard Schopfer, Donald Ragland, Ralph Liefer, James Bruno, Arthur Rowald, Donald Burton, Orville Liefer, Robert Schmelzel, Ralph Bretsch, Kenneth Sauerwein, James Mueller, Ray Hoffman, Clarence Stehl, Junior Knewitz.

3rd row—Frank Scholes, Walter Politsch, Harold Heinecke, Bill Hoffman.

Lawrence Range, Alfred Mueller, and Ralph Kinzinger, '48 graduates of NACHS, are also members.

Home Ec. Club

The Home Economics Club, affiliated with the Illinois Association of Future Homemakers of America, was active during the first semester. The club was then dissolved because the sponsor and home economics teacher, Mrs. Artela Grecian, left us. The highlights of the year were formal and informal initiation.

Officers were President, Adele Winter; Vice President, Shirley Stroh; Secretary, Barbara Goegelein; Treasurer, Joan Frech; and Reporter, Vera Hofmeister.

Pictured, from left to right are: 1st row—Barbara Kosarek, Shirley Wagner, Vera Hofmeister, Joan Frech, Adele Winter, Shirley Stroh, Barbara Goegelein, Rose Becker.

2nd row—Edith Schrag, Patie Priest, Glora Harris, Norma Wagner, Rosemary Emge, Audrey Stolte, Betty Weber, Rita Hoff, Marie Kaesberg.

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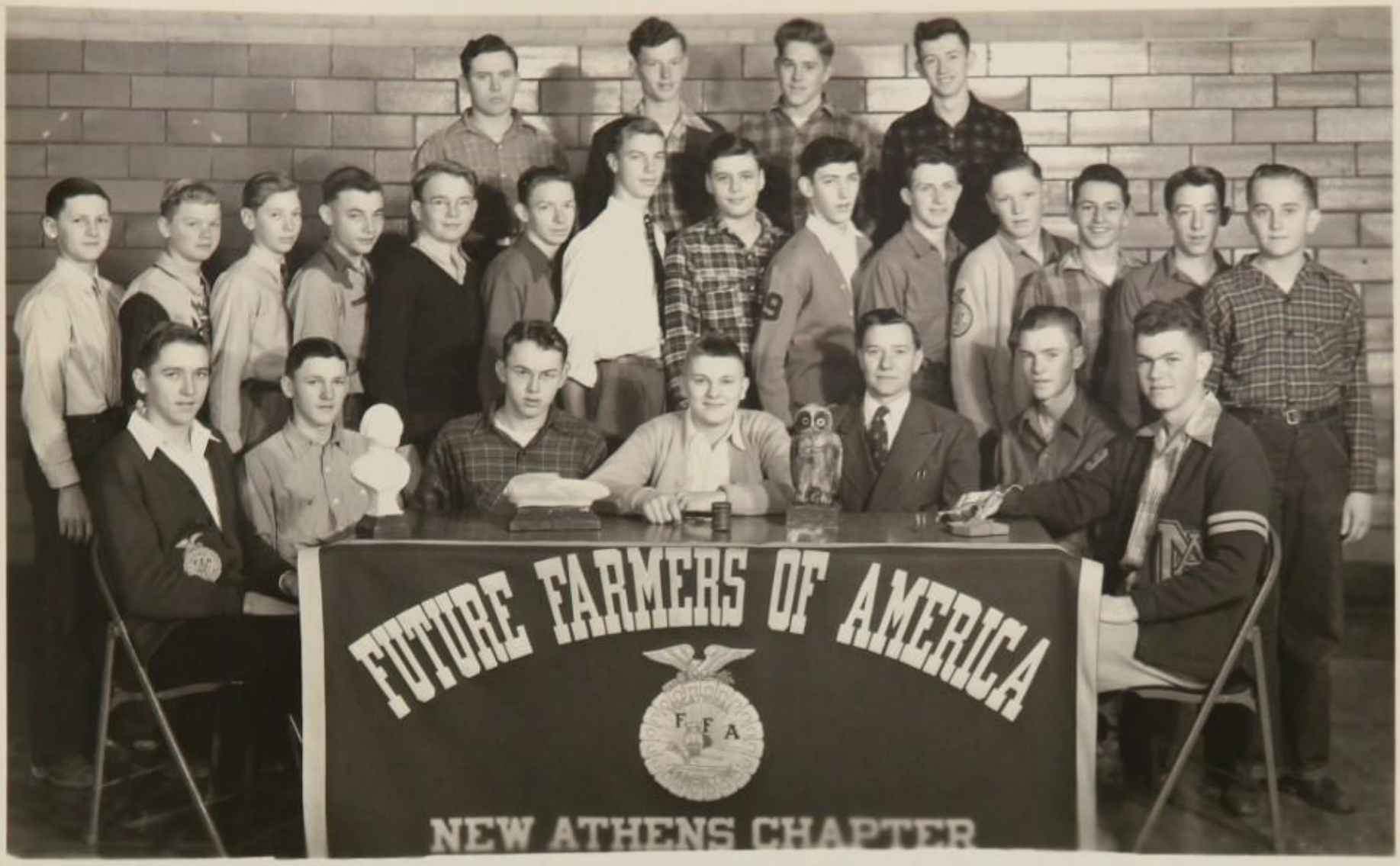
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F F A
NEW ATHENS CHAPTER

Calendar

SEPTEMBER

1 The grind begins
2 Students dust their brains
3 Good start; Yellowjackets 6, New Baden 1
6 Labor takes a rest and so do we
7 Lebanon unhappy about 22-0 loss to Jackets
8 Relly blows a gigantic bubble (with bubblegum, of course)
10 Jackets mow down O'Fallon
13 A few stale jokes from magazine man. No sales.
14 Mascoutah Indians scalped
17 Bud pitches no-hitter against Waterloo
21 Freeburg shortstop thrilled by Mary Lou. We win!
25 Freshmen finally learn to write their names
28 Relly pitches no-hitter
30 Hallelujah—the first month is over!

OCTOBER

1 Bud's no-hitter whitewashes Lebanon
5 O'Fallon stumbles again
7 Seniors get that civilized look for class pictures
Teachers go to school; students take the day off
8 Van Miller buys a new camera
Vacation continues
11 Vacation ends. Boo hoo!
12 Waterloo, drip, drip. We win 8-0
15 Freeburg Midgets even feel little as we win 7-1
Finish Cahokia Conference with a clean slate
16 Lewis Players inform us how the F. B. I. works (?)
23 Early start soaping windows
27 New Athens is all wet—it rained!
31 No shortage of freaks and spooks

NOVEMBER

1 We start looking for something to be thankful about
2 Fire sale! Mr. Walker has a new tie.
4 Arthur Rowald makes mad love to Senior girls
9 "Miss Jimmy" pays us a visit
11 Peace be among us (Armistice Day).
16 Stop celebrating, Myrt. Your birthday was yesterday!
17 Still looking for something to be thankful about
18 What a circus! What? A circus?
19 Jim S. enthralls Sophomore damsels in Senior assembly
Firecrackers help us beat Freeburg
25 We're thankful
26 Ditto
30 Columbia Eagles almost bald; N. A. wins 51-29.

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Calendar

DECEMBER

3 O'Fallon defeated
7 Jackets trip Valmeyer
10 Lebanon still has reasons for grief—we win!
14 Waterloo dumped
15 Don't know what happened today (went Xmas shopping)
16 Whew! Had to talk myself blue in the face before Mr. Neal signed my excuse.
17 Still out of breath.
Cheerleaders wear tight skirts to pep meeting. Oh boy!
Gloom as Dupo wins by 2 points
20 Recuperating from slingshot wound. Will Junior Knewitz ever grow up?
21 Mr. Meridith still smiling (it was a boy)
22 What? No mistletoe??
23 Vacation begins with student party.
30 Xmas Trophy ours. What a beauty!

JANUARY

3 Back with many resolutions
Students blinded by Miss Sherman's diamond!
Schoepp gets a New Year's kiss from .....
We beat Mascoutah
4 Resting after that big day we had yesterday.
Start breaking resolutions
6 We pose for Spieth
7 Kaskaskia Tourney Trophy becomes NACHS property.
11 PU. Chem. lab at it again!
14 I. Q. registers 00 on exams
Freeburg almost scares us.
17 Mr. Longenbaugh makes his debut
Seven Seniors collapse after American history has off day.
18 Ice and more ice. Game postponed.
19 Typewriter clunks Red and he needs four stitches
21 Mascoutah learns the hard way
24 New Baden Zebras run home after losing 73-34
25 Freshmen girls still drooling over new teacher
We get Red Bud's goat
26 "Romeo" Schmulbach pens famous love letter
28 O'Fallon falls again

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Calendar

FEBRUARY

1 Jackets hot, 66; Red Bud not so hot, 22.
3 Bert wants to fall and be rescued by .....
4 Lebanon beat again and still unhappy.
7 Mean old doctor shoots all Freshies and Seniors—
Alice W. doesn't faint!
8 Columbia is sorry we came to visit.
9 Who's got TB germ???
11 Senior girls do it again—basketball champs!
Vengeance is ours; N.A. 55, Dupo 39.
14 Have a heart.
15 Valmeyer bows to mighty Jackets.
17 Canes and crutches still circulating.
18 Yellowjackets sting Bulldogs 74-40.
21 V-J Day (Victory for Jackets) in District Tourney
22 Happy birthday, George old boy.
We take the day off.
23 Oh boy—we beat Freeburg!
24 Ray H. serves biology fish for desert.
25 Miracle—Seniors have quiet English Class (everybody is reading the school paper)
District Trophy officially ours.
28 No geography test—Mr. Woods makes a little announcement.

MARCH

1 Miss Sherman splits an infinitive
2 Utz uses slide rule to prophecy Regional results
3 Chalk throwers declare armistice
4 "Hate Girls" week ends.
8 Richard types so fast the typewriter smokes (Big Joke!)
12 No tests today—it's Saturday.
17 Did you see green today?
18 Ruth and Myra get to school on time.
21 Who played hookey???
22 Muscle gals (G.A.A.) turn dramatic
23 Spring has come but no new romances as yet.
28 Seniors slaving over term papers
31 Practicing all sorts of pranks for tomorrow!

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Calendar

APRIL

1 Fool's Day
4 Ooh la la. Senior play rehearsals are really something.
7 Mr. Woods tells a new joke in world history.
8 Hurrah for Teachers' Meeting
11 Miss Davis almost breaks the speed limit.
15 Good Friday
18 Paul's horse was pretty tired (back in 1775).
19 Ugh—Mom is still putting Easter eggs in my lunch.
22 Though April showers may come your way . . . .
26 Spectacular performance by '49ers
27 Senior cast refuses million dollar movie contract.
29 Critically ill (spring fever).
31 Ha Ha! There "ain't no such" day.

MAY

2 Barbara Goegelein chokes on a big word
4 Something strange and unusual happens—Irene stays awake during history class.
9 Somebody loves somebody else. Mmmm.
12 Juniors busy as beavers in gym.
13 Juniors burn midnight oil for last minute preparations.
14 Waltz me around again Willy. Prom.
15 After the ball was over . . . .
18 "Exclusive" Seniors take a day off.
Joyce gets birthday spankings.
19 Joyce pays me for mentioning her name in Vespa Calendar.
20 Joylyn pays me for not mentioning her name!!!
24 Pray for sunshine—School outing (maybe!)
26 Underclassmen semester exams
What a pity to waste so much paper!
27 Pomp and Circumstance
Seniors depart with tears and lamentations.

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